

Remarks

Entry of this Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is respectfully requested because it places the application into allowance or in better form for consideration on Appeal. No new matter is believed to be added to the application by this response.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application and stand rejected. The Examiner has acknowledged that claim 3 contains allowable subject matter.

Rejections over Choi

Claims 1-2, 4-12 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Choi (U.S. Patent No. 6,326,641B1). Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Choi. Applicants traverse.

The United States filing date of Choi is November 24, 1999. In comparison, this application claims priority of Korea P99-35502 filed on August 25, 1999, which antedates Choi. A certified copy of the priority document was filed on August 22, 2000, and the Examiner acknowledged the claim for foreign priority in the Office Action mailed August 28, 2002.

Further, in order to perfect priority, Applicants are submitting an accurate translation of the priority document, which is attached to this paper. As a result, Choi is removed as prior art.

Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections over Choi is respectfully requested.

Interview with the Examiner

Applicants thank the Examiner for graciously conducting a telephonic interview with the Applicants' representative on March 17, 2003. During the interview, the Examiner noted that a translation of the priority document must be filed in order to remove the Choi patent as prior art.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert E. Goozner, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 42,593) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit

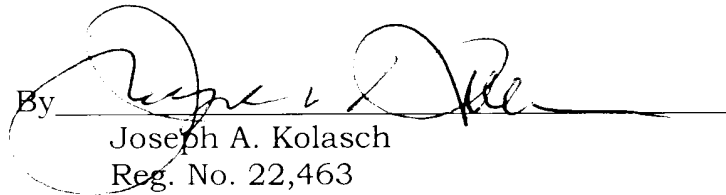
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Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Accurate Translation of Korea P99-35502